GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Cruise Circuit under Sagarmala Project
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, in coordination with Shipping Ministry, is in the process of identifying cruise circuits under Sagarmala project to promote tourism in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether in this regard the Government is focusing more on the Western coast than the Eastern coast at a time while the Government is giving more emphasis on 'Act East Policy'; and
(d) the prospects of cruise tourism in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products including cruise circuits and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under relevant schemes to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and to Central Agencies for various tourism projects including Cruise Terminals and Cruise Vessels, subject to availability of funds, submission of Utilization Certificates for funds released earlier and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

Recognising the potential for development of Cruise Tourism across the coast of the country including in Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Shipping have jointly constituted a Task Force for promotion of Cruise Tourism with representatives of all major stakeholders.
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